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Sutton Receives Big Titan Order

Local Engineering Industry to Manufacture 3 Mammoth Machines for New Titan Plant. Involves About \$46,000.

A business deal between two of Bellefonte's leading war industries was closed last week whereby the major product of one of the industries for the next 14 or 16 weeks will go into the equipment of the other industry.

The contract, involving approximately \$43,000, was awarded by the Titan Metal Company to the Sutton Engineering Company, both of Bellefonte. Sutton is to manufacture for

Titan two shape-straightener machines and a tube and bar straightening machine, for installation in the Titan plant, which is being erected on the Titan site south of town.

The three machines, ponderous implements which before the war were sold in virtually every large country in the world, will process the entire output of the mammoth new extrusion press being set up in the Titan plant. The shape-straightener, as their name indicates, will be used to straighten odd-sized extruded bars, while the tube and bar machine will be used on the simpler shapes.

One of the machines will be powered by a 75-horsepower electric motor; another by a 40-horsepower motor, and the third by a 10-horsepower motor—yet so delicately are the big machines balanced, and so perfect are the bearings in them, that the entire machine can be set in motion by hand.

Manufacture of the Titan order is expected to keep the Sutton plant operating on a full overtime basis for several months. The same day that the Titan order was received, Sutton closed other contracts for a total of more than \$100,000, it is reported.

Extensive alterations and improvements recently were completed at the Sutton plant. A dining room for employees has been installed, new washrooms, including showers and modern fixtures have been provided, the interior and exterior of the buildings have been repainted, and a new pattern storage room has been constructed.

In addition, the office quarters have been remodeled and the engineering department has been revised to conform with the most modern practices in office layout. Modern lighting fixtures have been provided in the engineering department. New office quarters have been provided at the local plant for J. Blair Sutton, president of the company.

Work on the Titan order is scheduled to begin at once and an interesting sidelight is that nearly all of the huge castings for the three machines will be made at the Mahoning South Foundry at Wingate.

Killed in Action



Pfc. Paul W. Stover

son of Boyd M. Stover, of Spring Mills, who was killed in action in France on June 25, while serving with the United States Infantry.

Warriors Mark Man Killed in France

Sgt. Chester Paul Mauk, 32, son of Charles Mauk, of Half Moon Valley, Warriors Mark, was killed in France June 23, 1944. He was serving in the Infantry. A telegram from the War Department, advising that further information would be sent as soon as received.

He had been overseas since January 8, 1944, landing somewhere in England.

Sgt. Mark entered the Army April 8, 1942. He received his training in several Southern camps, the last being Fort Jackson, S. C. From this camp he was sent overseas.

Sgt. Mark was born at Pittsburgh, June 2, 1912. In addition to his father he is survived by two sisters, Lois Faye Mauk and Anna Ruth Mauk, both at home.

Public memorial services will be held at the Center Line U. S. church Sunday, August 13 at 11 a. m. for Sgt. Mauk.

Boalsburg Soldier Is Slightly Wounded

Pfc. Paul Stoner, of Boalsburg, was slightly wounded in action in France on July 6 while serving with an infantry division, according to a telegram from the War Department, received by his wife, the former Laura Koch of Boalsburg, recently.

Pfc. Stoner, son of William Stoner, of Centre Hall, entered the service on January 2, 1943. He went overseas in May.

Member of WAC Injured

Pfc. Kathryn Sprout, serving with the WACs in Ceylon, sustained a knee injury and was brought by plane to a hospital in Coral Gables, Fla., according to a letter received by her mother, Mrs. George T. Welsh, of McAllister street, State College. In a later letter, Pfc. Sprout informed her mother that she expects to be moved to a Pennsylvania hospital in the near future. Pfc. Sprout is a graduate of the State College High School. She was graduated from Penn State in May, 1943.

"Old Eagle Chapel" at Curtin To Hold Annual Home-Coming

Curtin Methodist Church, oldest Methodist Society in the Bald Eagle Valley, and one of the oldest in the State of Pennsylvania, will observe its annual Home-coming and Anniversary Service on Sunday, August 20, according to the pastor, Rev. Roy A. Goss.

The Curtin Society, first organized as a part of the Northumberland circuit of the Baltimore District, dates back to the early history of our country, George Washington serving his first term of office when this society was organized in 1791. Prior to this time, when the first preacher was assigned to this circuit, the Curtin Church, the people met together and held religious services under the leadership of certain devout men in the community, meeting in the homes of the people. The first preacher assigned to this church, which was part of a large circuit, was Richard Pariot, followed by Lewis Browning. These men also preached at meeting places on the North Branch of the Susquehanna, from Wilkes-Barre to Northumberland, up the West Branch to White

PLEAS OF GUILTY HEARD IN COURT

Four Defendants Receive Sentence on Various Charges

A Brazilian exchange student at Penn State, pleading guilty to a morals charge, was sentenced to pay the costs of prosecution and undergo 17 days' imprisonment in the Centre county jail at a special session of court here Monday morning after he had made an apparently straightforward and detailed account in which it appeared that he was the victim, not the aggressor, in the crime.

The man, George DeCostaLino, aged 26, graduate of the University of Brazil and former student at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, came to Penn State about a year ago to study metallurgy, under the sponsorship of the U. S. State Department. His education here was a part of the "good neighbor" policy between the U. S. and Latin American countries, it was explained in court.

Visibly moved by his predicament, the student in excellent English, related that a 15-year-old houseboy at his State College rooming place was the aggressor in actions which followed later.

Dean Charles W. Stoddart, of Penn State, and another close friend appeared in court to testify as to the man's integrity, his scholastic attainments, and his general character.

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"Old Eagle Chapel" at Curtin To Hold Annual Home-Coming

Deer Hole, thence to what is now Jersey Shore, Lock Haven, and up the Bald Eagle Creek to Milesburg; thence through Buffalo Valley, Penns Valley, and back to Northumberland. It took four weeks, the circuit rider preaching several times each day, and often traveling all night, to reach all of the preaching points on this circuit.

In 1787, Philip Antes moved to Curtin, and immediately began to build a mill, which was known as Antes Mill. This reverend man opened his home to the pioneer circuit riders of the Methodist Church, and permitted preaching services to be held in his mill. In the year 1806, this same gentleman and his wife, Susannah, deeded a fourth acre of ground to six members of the Curtin Society, who were to be its trustees, to build thereon a house of worship for the use of the members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In 1872, the church was rebuilt and the name was changed to Curtin, having previously been called "Old Eagle Chapel." This structure still

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Killed in France



Cpl. Russell E. Poorman

Cpl. Poorman, 30, son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Poorman of Coleville, was killed in action in France on July 13, a War Department telegram received Friday by his mother disclosed.

The Coleville corporal was a first gunner with a tank destroyer outfit in the 70th division which was one of the first to enter Cherbourg. The last time his parents heard from him was a letter dated June 30.

Cpl. Poorman entered the service on November 28, 1942, and took his basic training at Camp Blanding, Fla. He then was sent with his unit on maneuvers in Tennessee, followed by maneuvers in Arizona and a short while at Camp Phillips, Kans., before going overseas in March. He

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Sgt. Weinstein Wins Essay Contest Award

Sgt. Jerry Weinstein, former State College resident, has been awarded a \$25 War Bond for a prize-winning essay submitted in a contest at Miami Beach, Fla., recently.

Subject of the essay was "What Is My Mission in the Air Service Command?"

Ten other soldiers stationed here received War Bonds from Col. T. J. Christian, commanding officer of the Miami Beach Service Base of the Air Service Command.

Sgt. Weinstein, former managing editor of the Centre Daily Times, is a non-commissioned officer in charge of the State College Public Relations Office and editor of the weekly newspaper, The Beach Post. He is the husband of the former Thelma H. Curtin, daughter of Mrs. H. L. Curtin, of Curtin.

Those who will leave on Monday served by Draft Board No. 1, State College, will be inducted into the armed service at Harrisburg on Monday, August 14. It is not known to what branch of the service the men will be assigned since final decision is made by the Harrisburg center at the time of induction.

Those who will leave on Monday are: Lester Theodore Kerstetter, of Johnstown; Stanley Guy Booth, of Coopersburg; Robert Dudley Brooks, of State College; R. D. Spurgeon Wilbur Hennigh, Shinglehouse, Pa.; Joseph Fornace Jones, Buffalo, N. Y.; Robert Keller Cramer, Pine Grove Mills; Kenneth Eugene Runkle, Upper Darby; James Mitchell Sager, Bellefonte; R. D. David Henry Barto, Pennsylvania Furnace; Calvin Steiner Breen, Rebersburg; Melvin Andrew Gulser, Aaronsburg; R. D. Myron Becker, State College; Robert Allen Zeller, Jr., State College; Morton Joseph Grossman, State College; John Gerard Zora, Clairton; Alan Edmund Fisher, Pittsburgh; William Franklin Benson, Spring Mills; R. D. William Lawrence Weaver, Aaronsburg; Arthur Eugene Spicer, Bellefonte; R. D. Harry Stewart Eilenberger, Pine Grove Mills; Stuart William Wingard, Coburn; Clifford Roy Heckman, Spring Mills.

Bellefonte Woman Falls Into Stream

Mrs. J. Harry Eberhart, of East Curtin street, had a narrow escape from death by drowning early Friday evening when she fell into the race of the former Gambie Mill property on West Lamb street.

Mrs. Eberhart was walking to Thomas street where she intended to visit with friends, when she stepped along the race to see trout in the water. In so doing she lost her balance and fell into the stream.

Rendered helpless by the fall, her predicament was seen by a passing motorist who rescued her from the stream and summoned the Widdowson ambulance.

Mrs. Eberhart was taken to the Centre County Hospital where she was found to be suffering from minor bruises and shock. She was able to return home Sunday, and according to reports, has recovered entirely from her experience.

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Chief Solves Reynolds Mansion Robbery, and Explains All (??)

Three youngsters who ransacked very big fellows," the Chief observed. He and Mr. Reynolds concluded their inspection, and the Chief departed, leaving the impression that he'd get around to the rest of the investigation a little later.

By two o'clock three youths, all under 16, were in the Chief's custody. By 3 p. m. he learned that they had entered the building, had taken a Winchester rifle, a revolver and a pair of field glasses. The two guns were sold for a total of \$7. One of the boys had the field glasses in a hideaway and readily produced them.

The Chief went to a man who had bought the guns and recovered them. That was that.

The youngsters are to be turned over to juvenile authorities. This is the first offense for any of them. "How," this reporter brashly asked the Chief Tuesday night, "did you find out so quickly how many took part in the robbery and who they were?"

The Chief winked, spat a bit of cigar leaf off his tongue and stepped outside to borrow a match from a passerby.

We've been waiting for him to come back.

SAW ACTION ON FRENCH BEACH

Joseph Waite, Bellefonte, Arrives Home; Ship Hit by Torpedo

Joseph Waite, water tender first class, arrived home Saturday from active participation in the invasions of Sicily, Italy, and France, and returned during the Italian invasion, he narrowly escaped death or injury when a torpedo struck the LST craft on which he was being transported.

Waite, son of Mrs. Sarah Waite, of Phoenix avenue, is here for a 30-day visit with his family on East High street and with relatives in the Bellefonte area.

Petty Officer Waite, who volunteered for service in the SeaBees in November 1942, brought home with him a unit citation from Vice Admiral H. K. Hewitt, with a personal endorsement by W. A. Burke, Jr., U. S. Navy, for outstanding service in the assembly and operation of pontoon causeways for unloading heavy equipment on invasion beaches. So outstanding was the work of the detachment, the citation reads, that it made a substantial contribution to amphibious warfare.

It was near Dalley, about 80 miles east of Algiers on June 22, 1943, that the LST on which Waite was aboard was struck by a torpedo. It was the first known occasion in World War II that a craft of that type had been hit by a torpedo, for normally such craft are too high in the water to be reached by such missiles.

The torpedo struck the stern portion of the craft and split it in two. Waite, who was amidship, aided in carrying the survivors from the

Two Pedestrians Injured by Car

Mrs. Bessie Moore, 44, of Clarence, and Hugh Shaw, of Snow Shop, were injured about 11:30 p. m. Saturday when they were struck by a car while they were walking across the highway between Snow Shop and Clarence.

The car was owned by T. W. Kerin of Moshannon. Mrs. Moore suffered a broken leg, lacerations, and minor bruises about the body, and Mr. Shaw had a laceration of the scalp, body bruises and brush burns. Mrs. Moore was taken to the Philipsburg State Hospital for treatment, while Shaw was treated at a physician's office.

The pedestrians said they did not see the car approaching when they stepped out into the highway, and the driver also said he failed to see the couple in time to avert the mishap. The accident was investigated by members of the Pleasant Gap sub-station of the State Motor Police.

Celebrate Golden Anniversary

Tuesday marked the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Heckart, of Millheim. On August 8, 1894, at the home of the bride near Penn's Cove (the Tibbens homestead), they were united in marriage by the Rev. S. H. Eisenberg, Reformed minister.

At the time of the wedding Mr. Heckart was an officer in the Pennsylvania Training School at Morgantown, and he and his bride, the former Carrie Tibbens, went to housekeeping at Morgantown. Both were employed at the State School there for most of their married life

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ORVISTON MAN IS KILLED IN INVASION AREA

S-Sgt. John W. Waite, 23, Lost Life in Infantry Duty July 19

WAS HOME ON LEAVE LAST CHRISTMAS

Survivors Include Parents and 2 Sisters; Was Legion, VFW Member

Staff Sergeant John W. Waite, 23, of Orviston, son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Waite, of Beech Creek, formerly of Orviston, was killed in action in France on July 19, according to a War Department message received by the parents, Tuesday night. No details were given. He is believed to have been in France since early in the invasion.

S-Sgt. Waite entered the service on October 15, 1942, and from New Cumberland was sent to Camp Blanding, Florida. Subsequently he received additional training at Camp Forrest, Tenn., and Camp Atterbury, Ind., before being sent overseas to England early this year. He was home on furlough at Christmas time.

The Orviston infantryman completed his junior year at the Lock Haven High School and was employed in the shipyards at Chester at the time of his induction. His parents resided in Orviston when he entered the service but later moved to Beech Creek.

Surviving in addition to the parents, are two sisters, Miss Nanette, at home, and Mrs. Joseph Montvino, of Lock Haven.

Sgt. Waite was a member of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars, both in Lock Haven.

Writes About D-Day



Anthony G. Boscano, QM 3c

A vivid description of his feelings as his invasion barge neared the coast of France on D-Day, June 6, and of the subsequent fighting on the Normandy beachhead is included in a letter written by Anthony G. Boscano, QM 3c, to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Boscano, of Halfmoon Terrace, Bellefonte. The letter was received early this week. The local man, who will be 20 in September, is a member of a crew of an invasion craft. Excerpts from his letter follow:

"I'm going to write you a few things that happened over here. I don't know whether they'll pass the censor or not, but here goes. In several places the censor cut out portions of the letter."

"As you already know we came in on the morning of D-Day. As we neared the beach we passed a ship that had just been sunk, hit by a mine, and her bow was sticking up out of the water. I guess I was too much excited to realize the danger of these mines at the time. We hit the beach a few minutes later."

"Everything seemed to be darned quiet. One of the boys had just made the remark that he wondered why there was no action or any Jerry"

Port Matilda Man Gets FSA Appointment

G. Ernest Ardery, of Port Matilda, for the past four months associate Farm Security Administration supervisor in the Bellefonte office, will depart today for Ebensburg where he will become supervisor of the FSA office there, with territory including Cambria and Indiana counties.

Mr. Ardery, nephew of the late E. E. Ardery, of Bellefonte, and a former employee of the Bellefonte post-office, was a FSA committeeman for the FSA in Centre county for four years before entering the employ of that organization. He taught school in the Port Matilda area for four years before becoming interested in Farm Security work. The Ardery family will continue to reside at Port Matilda.

Although no special celebration was held to mark the anniversary, the elderly couple's children, Mrs. Robert L. McLaughlin, of Beaver Falls; B. F. Heckart, Jr., and Mrs. M. Keiso Moore, both of Pittsburgh, were home for the day.

Romance Blooms In Bellefonte Jail

Soldier and Girl, Appearing in Court, Announce Intention to Wed — Ask Judge to Perform Ceremony.

A romance which ripened in the Centre county jail reached its climax at a special session of court here Monday morning when a woman defendant announced her intention of marrying a man with whom she had shared some of the time in the county bastille.

The man in the case, a stalwart Army corporal, who a few minutes earlier had pleaded guilty to an assault and battery charge, stood up in the prisoners' dock and in a firm voice seconded the woman's declaration, and turning to Judge Ivan Walker added, "We'd be glad to have you perform the ceremony."

The defendants in the somewhat involved matter were Louise Moore, attractive 18-year-old Clearfield county brunette, and Cpl. Matthew W. Davis, Jr., of Philipsburg. Cpl. Davis, home on furlough, called John McDonald, of Philipsburg, out of bed one night and engaged in an altercation with him, it was charged.

The romantic angle of the thing didn't appear until Miss Moore, who pleaded nolo contendere to a morals charge, was called before the bar of justice.

Miss Moore's story was related

COUSINS WOUNDED IN EUROPEAN WAR

One Seriously Ill After Accident in Corsica; Other in France

War Department messages received by two Centre county brothers brought word that a son of each had suffered wounds in the armed forces.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fisher, of Millersburg, were informed that their son, Pvt. Paul H. Fisher, was seriously ill as the result of an accidental injury received on July 28 in the North African area. Pvt. Fisher is believed to have been stationed on Corsica, with the Army Air Corps, and it is possible that he was serving as a ground crew member, relatives said.

Mr. and Mrs. Toner Fisher, of Wingate, were informed that their son, Pfc. Russell Fisher, was slightly wounded in France on July 25. The fathers of the two soldiers are brothers.

Pvt. Paul Fisher, seriously ill, comm-

Whipple's Dam Pike Commits Hari-Kari

An incident far rarer than a hole-in-one on a golf course happened at Whipple's Dam in the Seven Moon State College Amaranth Court was at that resort for a day's picnic and outing.

Mrs. Elizabeth Murphy and Mrs. Joseph Pennington, both of State College, Miss George Poorman, of Bellefonte, and Louis Reiff, aged 9, of Ashland, nephew of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Crosby, of Bellefonte, were out on the dam in a boat as it was growing dark when the group heard a splashing sound in the boat. Looking to the source of the sound they were amazed to discover that a large pike had leaped from the lake into the boat.

Young Reiff grabbed the floundering fish and held it captive while the rest rowed to shore to exhibit the pike. The fish measured about 14 inches in length, and as proof of the strange incident, Miss Poorman brought it to Bellefonte.

PLAN CONVENTION SABBATH SCHOOLS

To Be Held November 9 in Church of Christ, Philipsburg

The advancing of plans for the fall convention of the Centre County Sabbath School Association occupied the major attention of the county staff as it met Sunday afternoon, August 6, in the Methodist church at Bellefonte.

The convention is definitely dated for Thursday, November 9, in the Church of Christ at Philipsburg. Rev. Harry McGowan is the host pastor. The program committee consists of Rev. Harry Stenger, chairman, Roy Decker and Rev. Harry McGowan. George Raines, superintendent of leadership education and school administration in the county, is in charge of local arrangements. Plans for an outstandingly good convention are progressing nicely. Also receiving considerable attention was a plan for early autumn to

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LOCAL MARINE RETURNS HOME

Pfc. Oscar D. Rhodes Cited For Bravery at Guadalcanal.



Pfc. Oscar Rhodes

It was a more than happy day for a former Bellefonte High School student, Pfc. Oscar Rhodes, July 26, when he returned home after seeing action in the Pacific theatre of war for 20 months. Oscar is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Rhodes of Valley View. He left for active duty in the U. S. Marine Corps on January 3, 1942, while a member of the senior class at the Bellefonte High School.

Pfc. Rhodes received his boot training at Parris Island, S. C., which covered a period of seven weeks. He then joined the famed First Marine Division at New River, N. C. At this training center he received intensive training with the combat engineers, specializing in the extraction of enemy land mines.

Having received three months of combat training, Rhodes was then shipped out from an unnamed eastern port on May 20, 1942. His route took him through the Panama Canal as the first link of his trip to the Pacific. This was during the time of the U-boat menace in the Atlantic, and Pfc. Rhodes can vouch for having

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Club to Conduct Registration Canvass

At a meeting of the Democratic Women's Club of State College, Monday night, a house-to-house registration of voters was decided upon. Club members will be assigned to conduct the canvass, block by block, throughout the borough.

The annual dinner of the organization will be held at the State College Elks Home on Monday, October 2.

PINE GROVE MAN KILLED IN FRANCE

Pfc. Andrew H. Dean, 33, Loses Life in Battle for Cherbourg

A Centre county soldier, member of the 79th Division, lost his life in the battle for Cherbourg.

He is Pfc. Andrew Harold Dean, 33, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse W. Dean, of Pine Grove Mills, who was killed in action in France on July 5, according to the telegram received by his parents Sunday morning.

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